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IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS YOU SHOULD
DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE UK TEXT
OF NATO DECLARATION:

1. OUR OVERRIDING INTEREST IS IN ACHIEVING A SUBSTANTIVELY
SATISFACTORY NATO TEXT.

2. US HAS NOW HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY UK DRAFT AND
WARMLY WELCOMES BRITISH INITIATIVE WHICH WE THINK IS
USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE WORKING
DOCUMENT FOR ALLIANCE DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE CONVINCED
THAT BRITISH TEXT PROVIDES BEST BASIS FOR SUCCESSFUL

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RESOLUTION OF DRAFTING EXERCISE AND BELIEVE NAC SHOULD

RESIST ANY EFFORTS TO SHIFT DISCUSSIONS BACK TO PREVIOUS TEXTS WHICH WOULD MEAN LOSS OF CONCILIATORY BRITISH EFFORT AND BRING FORTH AGAIN OLD CONFLICTS IN THE COUNCIL.

3. IT IS OUR STRONG VIEW THAT SATISFACTORY NATO TEXT SHOULD BE ISSUED AS A DECLARATION, NOT REPEAT NOT AS

A COMMUNIQUE. SINCE UK TEXT BEARS STRONG FAMILY RESEMBLANCE TO EARLIER NATO LANGUAGE WHICH WE CALLED DRAFT DECLARATION, IT SEEMS INCONSISTENT TO US TO NOW LABEL DOCUMENT A COMMUNIQUE. ALSO, TEXT ISSUED AS DECLARATION WILL HAVE SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE WHICH, GIVEN DIFFICULTIES OVER PAST YEAR, IS PARTICULARLY NEEDED IN THIS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

4. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS ONLY: QUESTIONS RELATING TO LEVEL AT WHICH TEXT WOULD BE PROMULGATED SHOULD BE POSTPONED PENDING AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE.

5. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS ONLY: GIVEN UNANIMOUS INTEREST IN NAC IN AGREEING ON SATISFACTORY NATO TEXT, US BELIEVES WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON THAT DOCUMENT AND DEFER FOR THE PRESENT QUESTION OF DECLARATION WITH THE NINE. RUSH

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